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Re: Chemical Recovery Systems Site - Response of Taylor Metal Products
Co. to General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Ms. Johnson:

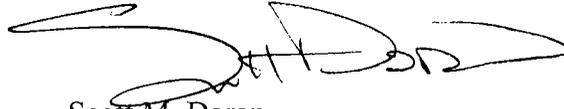
I am writing to respond to USEPA Region 5's March 2, 2001 General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information directed to Taylor Metal Products Co. regarding the Chemical Recovery Systems Site (the "Site") in Elyria, Ohio. As confirmed by my letter dated March 12, 2001 to Tom Nash, USEPA provided an extension to and including March 20, 2001 to respond to the Notice of Potential Liability.

Taylor Metal Products has conducted an initial investigation of available information to determine whether there is any information indicating that it generated or transported hazardous materials which were disposed of at the Site. Based on a review of waste manifests, other documents relevant to historic waste disposal and the personal knowledge of long-term employees, Taylor Metals has not identified any information which indicates that materials generated at the facility were disposed of at the Site. At the same time, we have received from Tom Nash a copy of a waste-in inventory for the Site and we are aware that there is a "Taylor" entity referenced on the inventory. However, given that we have no information regarding the source of "waste in" information and no independent confirmation that wastes from Taylor Metal Products in Mansfield, Ohio were disposed of at the Site, Taylor Metal Products is not in a position to agree to perform or finance additional investigation and/or remediation of the Site. Taylor Metal Products understands that USEPA's investigation is ongoing and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the relevant information with USEPA representatives.

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Taylor Metal Products is gathering the specific information requested by the CERCLA 104(e) request for information. We anticipate forwarding this to you soon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Doran", written over a horizontal line.

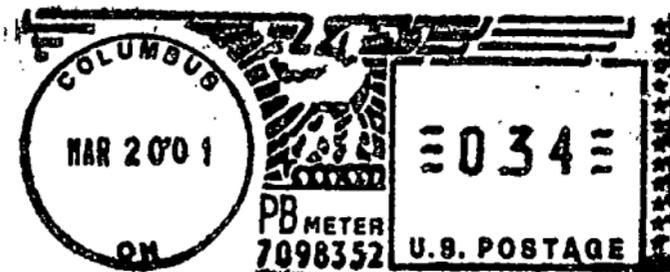
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